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Each and every delegate from the State of New Hampshire has achieved success in effective citizen service. They are experienced in creating opportunities for others to contribute to solutions, and have a record of getting things done. Above all, they are trusted by others in their community and for that they can be very proud.

The summit proved to be beneficial. The representatives from New Hampshire combined their efforts with delegates from Delaware. They came up with creative plans to bring adults and college students into Manchester's public schools together to help establish a mentoring program. The New Hampshire delegates will meet again in the summer to review this proposal and the other ideas they collected and decide how to use them.

I commend the New Hampshire delegates on their willingness to help make the Granite State a better place to live, and to ignite the spirit of volunteerism to provide a strong foundation for America's youth. New Hampshire is fortunate to be blessed by their leadership and dedication. I applaud them for their outstanding work, and am proud to represent all of them in the U.S. Senate.●

#### HEALTH CARE PROTECTION ACT OF 1997

● Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, on May 23, I introduced legislation designed to maintain rural communities' access to hospital care.

Today many rural Americans live in fear that they may lose access to local and regional hospital care. In these

rural areas, where serious accidents, often related to farm equipment, are a constant threat. Access to an emergency care hospital within 35 miles can mean the difference between life and death. The ability to be referred to a major regional hospital for more specialized care can be of like importance. Congress must recognize the special needs of rural America and work to meet them. This bill is a step in the right direction.

The Rural Health Care Protection Act of 1997 focuses on providing support of sole community hospitals and rural referral centers. Sole community hospitals [SCH's] are hospitals located at least 35 miles from other hospitals and are often the sole source of emergency care or impatient services in their areas. There are currently 728 SCH's in 46 States. There are 11 in my home State of Iowa. Rural referral centers [RRC's] are relatively large and specialized rural hospitals which receive referrals from community hospitals throughout a region. There are currently 142 RRC's in 39 States, including 5 in Iowa.

This legislation contains four proposals designed to help keep these care centers operating. First, the act would give SCH's the option of choosing an updated fiscal year 1994-95 base year for Medicare funding instead of the outdated based years which they must currently use. Second, the act would permanently grandfather as an RRC any hospital that has previously qualified as an RRC. Third, the act would exempt the RRC's from the statewide rural wage index threshold for geographic reclassification. Finally, the bill would allow rural hospitals that meet the reclassification criteria to be reclassified as urban hospitals for purposes of disproportionate share hospital [DSH] payment adjustments.

This bill would help ensure that rural Americans maintain access to these essential care centers. I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in support of this measures. ●

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 1997

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CRAIG. I ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate be in a period of morning business until the hour of 12:30 p.m. to allow Senators to pay tribute to our President pro tempore, Senator THURMOND.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CRAIG. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess from the hours of 12:30 to 2:15 for the weekly party conferences to meet.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent at 2:15 the Senate resume consideration of S. 4.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Senate will honor the service of our President pro tempore, Senator STROM THURMOND, as the longest serving Member of the U.S. Senate. By previous consent, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. the Senate will be in recess to allow the weekly policy luncheons to meet. At 2:15, the Senate will immediately resume consideration of S. 4, the Family Friendly Workplace Act. Members who intend to offer amendments to S. 4 should be prepared to offer those amendments during tomorrow's session. Therefore, Senators can expect rollcall votes throughout tomorrow's session of the Senate as we make progress on this important legislation.

A cloture motion was filed this evening on the pending amendment to S. 4, and therefore Members can anticipate a cloture vote on Wednesday morning. As always, Members will be notified accordingly as any votes are ordered with respect to the legislation.

Also, under the provisions of rule XXII, Senators have until the hour of 12:30 tomorrow afternoon in order to file first-degree amendments. It is the leader's hope that we can complete action on S. 4 midweek so we can continue action on the concurrent budget resolution and supplemental appropriations conference report this week. I appreciate all Members' cooperation and I thank Members for their attention.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. CRAIG. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:04 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, June 3, 1997, at 9:30 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate June 2, 1997:

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JAMES FRANKLIN COLLINS, OF ILLINOIS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

##### OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

JANICE R. LACHANCE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, VICE LORRAINE ALLYCE GREEN, RESIGNED.

##### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE U.S. ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601: